

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS "GET-TOGETHER" BANQUET

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce met last Friday and chose F. C. Beebe as secretary to fill the vacancy of J. E. Clayton, resigned. Mr. Beebe immediately took hold of the work and a call meeting or "Get-together" was announced for Wednesday evening when a luncheon was given at the Vorenberg Hotel. This was one of the most successful gatherings of its kind ever pulled off in Tucumcari and demonstrates the fact that the merchants and live wires of Tucumcari are anxious to keep the Chamber of Commerce alive. Although the night weather is not the best and it makes excuses easy, about forty members were present to talk over matters of immediate importance.

The luncheon was of the usual high class and everybody present was happy. Prof. P. A. James and orchestra furnished excellent music during the first period. This was followed by the Boy Scout Band, and the boys certainly made some of the old-timers sit up and take notice. Speakers in referring to the accomplishments of the Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce said: "Had the Commercial Club accomplished nothing more than educate this boys' band to play like it has tonight, it has done enough to repay us for what we have spent." But after listing a number of accomplishments it was found that the club has not been asleep although the war work campaigns have interfered to a considerable extent with past work.

S. M. Wharton was chosen as toastmaster and handled his part of the program in a most satisfactory manner. He announced the subjects and chose the speaker to cover same. No fixed program was lined out and the speakers were unaware that they were to be called upon. Roads, mining, bear grass factory, oil, civic improvements, agriculture and historical events concerning Quay county, were a few of the main subjects. Each speaker took matters seriously and produced facts and figures to show that such and such was necessary to the development of Tucumcari and Quay county. Along toward the last came H. Goodman. He had no special subject but pulled off the only comedy of the evening with the exception of the waitresses at luncheon who chose Attorney C. H. Aldredge as the "dead line" to stop and start serving. It would look like they intended passing him up entirely but his friends would intercede and he finally received the same excellent service that was accorded the other members. Mr. Goodman said the only thing he knew was that "Bacon used to sell at 8c per pound, but now it sold at 60c and there was more being sold, people like it better because it costs more." He said he had asked the city council to take up the matter of numbering the houses and put signs on the streets. He said they treated him in a courteous manner but put his request on the table, and in due time would put it under the table. He also said he intended to stay in Tucumcari because he liked the town.

Other speakers were D. F. Thomas who told of the mining opportunities. A. D. Goldenberg gave a short history of the city and accomplishments within the past few years. A. D. Bent of the electric light company spoke on "Constructive Criticism." He asked the club to hold a regular monthly luncheon, such as was given last night. He also suggested that any merchant or member who had kick to make against the Commercial Club should do it before the club and not on the streets so visitors will form a poor opinion of our town. He believes in "constructive" and not "destructive" criticism.

O. O. Gragg of Nara Visa, told of the resources of Quay county and expressed his belief that some day this country would come into its own. He believes there is a great future for New Mexico and the Funston-Ft. Bliss Highway will put Nara Visa and Tucumcari on the map. He believes the bear grass industry promises much and will eventually overshadow the cattle industry.

J. D. Gresham had "railroads" as his subject and there are few men who know more about railroads. He said he was leaving Tucumcari but would always hold a warm spot in his heart for this city and her citizenship.

T. A. Muirhead, who is to leave us soon, gave his hearers some plain advice. He believes in good roads because he has dreamed and read so much about them and he has seen so many bad roads. He thinks it is no place for a minister's son, even on the Ozark Trail.

E. M. Yates spoke on agriculture and what the farmers and cattlemen expected to accomplish this year. He told of the thousands of acres of wheat already planted and about the other grains to be planted and holds an optimistic view as to the ultimate outcome.

U. S. Devor, president of the Club,

spoke at intervals and announced that there were numerous projects to handle which would make it worth while for any live citizen to boost and help the Chamber of Commerce. The cemetery is the only appropriate place for a "dead one."

The members are highly pleased at the successful outcome of the first "get-together" meeting of the year, and promise to help the new secretary make this year the most profitable of all. To those who are asleep the News would suggest it is time to "Come Alive," "Wake Up," the harvest is ready to garner.

### LETTER FROM CHAPLIN OF ISAAC R. KIRKPATRICK

A.P.O. No. 731 France, Nov. 16, '18

Mr. W. L. Kirkpatrick,  
Tucumcari, N. M.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

May I extend to you the deepest sympathy from the Officers and Men of 308 in this your hour of grief.

May we assure you of our high regard which we held for your son. We found him to be a Christian gentleman, a man among men, and a most efficient officer. His command to a man had the highest appreciation for him. He was a true soldier and gave all a man can give—even his life.

Again may we extend our most heartfelt sympathy, and may Heaven's richest blessings rest upon you in this day of sacrifice.

Yours truly,  
OTTO E. ELLEFSON,  
Lt. & Chap. M. T. C. 308

### FIBRE MACHINE A SUCCESS

Chas. T. Haas and wife have returned home from Kansas City, where Mr. Haas went to supervise to building of a larger machine for the making of fibre out of bear grass. His machine was pronounced a success by the master mechanic of the Ludlow Co., of Boston and the machines were shipped to Boston to be perfected by a special mechanic whom they have employed. This new invention means much to New Mexico, not only Quay county, but any locality where bear grass or soap weed grow in abundance.

Mr. Haas is not at liberty to talk on future possibilities concerning the factory in Tucumcari, but after the new machine has been perfected the matter will be given publicity.

### WATCH PARTY

On the night of December 31, 1918, the Methodist parsonage was the scene of a most enjoyable watch party, given by Mrs. Hittson to the members of the "Win One Class," of which she is the popular teacher. Notwithstanding the low temperature most of the class arrived at an early hour with an expression indicative of having a good time written on their faces. A number of contests and fun-producing games were participated in by all. At ten o'clock amid a joyful confusion the entire class began a search, each for position at refreshments, the numbers being hung on a Christmas tree, to which was attached a pretty rhyme descriptive of the owner's disposition. After this the watch upon the last fleeting moments of the old year, 1918, was started, and while the house was filled with vocal music several of the boys slipped quietly out and lighted their explosives to welcome 1919. All went away saying in their hearts: "The watch party was a success."

### MISS DEVOR ENTERTAINS

Miss Jane Devor entertained a number of her friends Saturday evening with a Dancing Party, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Devor. The young people were first entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hurley with a Theatre Party. From there the young people went to the home of Miss Devor where they enjoyed a most delightful evening. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were the R. A. G. Club members: Misses Lucille Manney, Arabelle DeOlivera, Maurine and Vivian Steckman, Helen Ernst, Gladys Johnson, Zoe Pierce, Berry Devor, Edna Clark, and Messrs. Van Duxon, Joe Bonem, Claude Volles, Ed. Dixon, Donald Beeth, Milas Hurley, Harold Beeth, Dudley Catterson.

### TRAIN SERVICE RESUMED

The train from Amarillo finally got through and it is making the round trip most every day. Delayed train service and the postoffice force being down and out all at the same time makes a person appreciate service as it was before. Practically a new force was put to work in the postoffice last week on account of the illness of Mr. Ogletree, B. M. Looney, A. B. Carman, C. E. Cusack and Roy Smith. Most of the patrons realized that the force was up against a hard job with the old "standbys" knocked out.

### WILL NOT NEED IRRIGATION

Carlos Alford was in today from his farm southwest of town. The roads are in bad shape but he is pleased at the prospect for a big crop next year. During the past summer when everybody gave up that nothing could be produced, he was delivering vegetables of all kinds to our merchants at a good price. It took work and energy but he accomplished much. Next year he expects to grow a good crop without irrigation.



## COLONEL ROOSEVELT DIED MONDAY WHILE PEACEFULLY ASLEEP

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt died in his sleep early today at his home on Sagamore Hill in this village. Death is believed to have been due to rheumatism which affected his heart.

The colonel suffered a severe attack of rheumatism and sciatica on New Year's day, but none believed that his illness would likely prove fatal. The former president sat up most of Sunday and retired at 11 o'clock last night. About 4 a. m. Mrs. Roosevelt who was the only other member of the family at Oyster Bay, went to her husband's room and found that he had died during the night.

The body of Theodore Roosevelt was laid at rest Wednesday. It was committed to earth at 1:43 p. m., in a family cemetery plot overlooking Long Island Sound.

Except for two sons, absent as soldiers in their country's service overseas, the family of Colonel Roosevelt twenty-sixth president of the United States, assembled in the living room at Sagamore Hill shortly before noon for the first of a trinity of simple services—at home, church and graveside—with which the body of the noted American was laid to rest as a private citizen of this Long Island village.

Mrs. Roosevelt, sharing her husband's antipathy to funeral ceremony, decided not to attend the church services nor to join the procession to the cemetery. It was announced that she would bid goodbye to the body of her companion in the house where they lived for many years, though her children would see all that is mortal of their famous father committed to earth in the family plot topping the highest hill in Young's Memorial cemetery, overlooking Long Island Sound.

### PUBLIC AUCTION

1200 army horses and mules will be sold at public auction January 14 and 28 at Remount Depot, Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Texas. Sales begin at nine a. m. These are all sound serviceable animals and fit for army use and are being sold only because they are in excess of the number that will be required after demobilization. No condemned stock will be sold at these sales. The following animals will be auctioned on each date:

150 Cavalry Horses,  
250 Artillery Horses,  
90 Draft Mules,  
110 Pack Mules.

Halter and shank will be included with each animal. Cash settlement for each purchase.

MAJOR D. M. SPEED,  
Remount Depot, Fort Bliss, Texas

### RECORD-BREAKING COLD SPELL

W. P. McCall was in from Norton this week after supplies. While returning home a few days ago he had the misfortune of freezing his ears and feet although he thought he was sufficiently clothed to stand most any storm. He has been a resident of this section of New Mexico for many years and he says this spell is the worst he has ever seen. It is a surprise to him that stock have pulled through so well.

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Fowler of Fort Worth, are Tucumcari visitors and expect to stay a few weeks longer.

dren would see all that is mortal of their famous father committed to earth in the family plot topping the highest hill in Young's Memorial cemetery, overlooking Long Island Sound.

The home service, one or prayer alone, lasted hardly more than five minutes. It was conducted by the Rev. George D. Talmage, rector of Christ Episcopal church, the Roosevelt family church, while the ritual before the altar was concluded within fifteen minutes after the casket was brought into the edifice.

Sagamore Hill was pastir early this morning and flowers, which began to arrive yesterday notwithstanding Mrs. Roosevelt's request that none be sent, were received in great profusion. Many for lack of space in the house, were sent to the church.

After the former president's body was carried by household servants to the hearse, it was announced a procession of fifteen automobiles would be formed to convey the attendants at the prayer service to the church. The first car, the colonel's own, with his faithful negro chauffeur, Charlie Lee, at the wheel, carried Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Mrs. Richard Derby, Jr., daughters of the colonel; Mrs. Archibald Roosevelt, his daughter-in-law and his sister, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Captain Archibald Roosevelt and Theodore Douglas Robinson, a nephew, proceeded to the church a few minutes ahead of the procession with the rector, who is a nephew of the famous preacher, the Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage.

### NOTICE TO WORKERS

All Red Cross Workers who have been making refugee garments at home are urgently requested to send all finished garments to the Red Cross room at the Elks Home on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 14. It is very necessary that this work be finished as soon as possible.

Mrs. Ira J. Briscoe,  
Mrs. W. R. Steckman,  
Supervisors

### WHEAT FARMERS JUBILANT

O. H. Miller was here today from Forrest after provisions. He said it was a long hard drive but it was necessary. While there has been some loss of stock Mr. Miller is optimistic over the prospects for a bumper crop of wheat on the plains. The farmers out that way are not only planting a large acreage of wheat but will put in oats, barley and all the row stuff they can possibly tend.

### N. O. N. CLUB

Mrs. Jeff Harrison was hostess to the members of the N. O. N. Club on Wednesday and a very pleasant social evening was enjoyed by those present.

A salad luncheon was served. Those enjoying the evening were Mesdames Yates, Huntington, Bueler, Brinegar, Kohn, Phiefer; Misses Syler, Gann, Yates, Merle and Edna Koch, Pritchett and Miss Hopson as guest.

The club will meet on Wednesday of next week with Mrs. Bueler.

### DEATH TO CAUSE RADICAL CHANGE IN PARTY SLATE

Washington, Jan. 6.—Even members of congress and other political leaders who were most distressed over Colonel Roosevelt's death could not help being drawn into the inevitable discussion of its effect upon American political life, and particularly the presidential campaign of 1920. Every one agreed that the effect would be tremendous.

There had been reports that Colonel Roosevelt would issue a statement soon formally announcing his intention not to seek the nomination for president next year. Nevertheless democratic leaders and many republicans still regarded him as the prospective republican nominee for president in 1920. His death, it is conceded must cause a radical change in campaign plans of both parties.

Republicans in congress, said the effect upon the party as a whole would be varied. Some expressed the belief that one result would be to unify the party by healing factional differences.

Democratic leaders took the view that Colonel Roosevelt's loss left the republican party without a leader or potential presidential candidate.

In the capitol lobby discussions, the name of General Pershing was mentioned frequently as a possible republican standard bearer in 1920. Some republican leaders, however, declared emphatically that General Pershing could not be seriously considered. The republican opinion generally seemed to be that there was plenty of time in which to select a candidate and plenty of material.

### HINDENBURG LINE SHATTERED FIRST BY AMERICANS

London, Eng., Jan. 8.—Field marshal Sir Douglas Haig, whose report of operations from the end of April until the end of hostilities was made public here today, pays a high tribute to Marshal Foch commander-in-chief of the allied armies, and alludes to the splendid "fighting qualities of the American forces."

"At the moment when the final triumph of the allied cause is assured, we and all other of the allied and associated armies can look back on the years that have gone with satisfaction undimmed by any hint of discord or conflict of interest and ideals."

The report takes up in detail the fighting on various parts of the British fronts, which the field marshal commanded.

At the close of operations the report declares:

"In the decisive contests in the period covered by the report, the strongest and most vital parts of the enemy's front were attacked, his lateral communications were cut and his best divisions were fought to a standstill. On the different battle fronts, the British took 187,000 prisoners and 2850 guns, bringing the total number of prisoners captured during the war to over 2,010,000. These results were achieved by 59 fighting British divisions, which, in the course of three months battle, endangered and defeated 99 separate German divisions. When the armistice was signed by the enemy, his defensive powers had already been definitely destroyed. Continuance of hostilities would have meant only disaster to the German armies and an armed invasion of Germany."

American troops were the first to break the Hindenburg line, according to the Daily News, in its comment today on the report of field marshal Sir Douglas Haig on the operations from the end of last April up to the close of hostilities.

In September he wrote: "North of Bellincourt, the 30th division, American, Maj. Gen. E. M. Lewis, having broken through the deep defenses of the Hindenburg line, stormed Bellincourt and seized Nourroy. On their left, the 27th American division, Maj. Gen. O'Ryan, met with very heavy enfilading machine gun fire, but pressed on with great gallantry as far as Jouy, where a bitter struggle took place for possession of the village. The fighting on the whole front of the second American corps was severe, and in Bellincourt, Nourroy, Gillefont farm and a number of other points, amid the intricate defenses of the Hindenburg line, strong bodies of the enemy held out with great obstinacy for many hours."

"These points of resistance were gradually overcome, either by the support troops of the American divisions or by the fifth and third Australian divisions."

A. B. Carman came down town Tuesday for the first time since he was taken sick fifty-four days ago, most of the time having been spent in bed. Part of the time it was feared he was doomed but his physical nature was too strong and he finally pulled thru. His face was covered with whiskers (variegated in color) and they made him look like a man up in forty years old. Even some of the postoffice men whom he had worked with, did not recognize him for several minutes. He is minus forty or fifty pounds of flesh and his former acquaintances could hardly believe it was him. It is hoped that he will quickly round into form and be back on the job at the postoffice.

## NEW HIGHWAY TO BE AIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS THOUGHT

What promises to be one of the most interesting and far-reaching highway meetings that has been held in the Southwest is the one scheduled to be held at Hutchinson, Kansas, on January 20, 1919, when the Funston-Fort Bliss Military Highway Association will hold its first convention. Now that the war has been concluded and the country is preparing to again operate upon a peace basis, work should begin immediately on the building and completion of the great highways of the country, both those already partly built and those contemplated that will connect the more important points of the United States. At a meeting of agricultural editors, which was held recently at Washington, one of the more important matters stressed by Secretary of Agriculture, D. F. Houston was the future attitude of the government toward the building of good roads in this country. That the government intends to enlarge upon its present road-building program is beyond question and it behooves the section to be traversed by the Funston-Fort Bliss Military Highway to see that the matter is brought properly before the authorities and as much federal assistance as possible procured for this highway, which will connect Kansas City, Camp Funston and Fort Riley, which is the geographical center of the United States, and Fort Bliss at El Paso, Texas, which is the natural gateway to Old Mexico.

Excellent speakers will appear on the program at the Hutchinson meeting and great results will be accomplished if the proper effort is expended. Now remember the date and arrange to be at Hutchinson on Monday January 20, 1919.

### RECOMMENDS CANNERY

J. M. Bond of Quay was in town this week on business. He has been reading much lately about foreign countries preferring horse meat to that of cattle. He thinks Tucumcari would do itself a favor if a cannery could be established where horse meat and that of jackrabbits could be canned ready to ship to those countries that use this product. Having never tasted or heard very much about the use of horse meat this matter is left to those who are better posted. Quay county has plenty of jackrabbits and there are a number of horses unfit for work so the supply is practically assured.

### NARA VISA WANTS HIGHWAY

O. O. Gragg, of Nara Visa, was in Tucumcari Wednesday night to attend the Chamber of Commerce Get-together Banquet. He is a member and is of the opinion that the new project "Camp Funston-Fort Bliss Military Highway which passes through Nara Visa and on down the Rock Island through Tucumcari, is one of the best things he has heard of. He is strong for New Mexico and believes in her future. He will be in Hutchinson, Jan. 20, doing what he can to land the route this way.

### CANADY-AKIN

Married, at the home of Mrs. Fannie Duncan, in the Northeast part of town, Tuesday afternoon, about four o'clock, Mr. Fred Canady and Miss Anna M. Akin, both of Jordan, N. M. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. E. Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist church before only a few invited relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Canady left for Arizona where they expect to make their future home. The News joins their friends in extending congratulations.

### PAY YOUR WAR PLEDGES

Those who subscribed to the United War Work Fund will please take notice that the second payment will be due January 15. The first payment should have been made in December. This matter should be attended to at once. It's your patriotic duty to pay your subscription as no one is paid to attend to the matter for you. Payments should be made at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Postoffice building.

### RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, Brother Isaac R. Kirkpatrick was killed in France, Nov. 10, 1918, the son of our beloved brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick.

Resolved that we, the members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, hereby extend our sincere sympathy to them and invoke the blessings and comforts which God alone can bestow upon them.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved ones, a copy spread upon the minutes of the lodge, and a copy given to each of the city papers.

Nancy Eager,  
Cleo Jackson,  
Voyed Howard,  
Committee.